

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 16, 2005 at 8:01 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 508, 3/10/2005; HB 607,  
3/10/2005; HB 17, 3/10/2005; SB  
509, 3/10/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:12

**HEARING ON SB 508**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 508, Constitutional amendment to remove state property taxation role.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:01:44 Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue

00:04:58

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:01

**Closing by Sponsor:**

SEN. TOOLE assumes the Chair.

00:25:11 \_\_\_\_\_

**HEARING ON HB 607**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 607, Revise laws governing county treasurers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:04 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:29:03

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:04

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:32

HEARING ON HB 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROSALIE (ROSIE) BUZZAS (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 17, Revise treatment of donations to historical society.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:50           Arnie Olsen, Director, Montana Historical Society

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:35:47

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:09

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ELLIOTT resumes the Chair.

00:43:53

HEARING ON SB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 509, Graduated minium payment of corporate license tax.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:49:24           Brian Staley, Department of Revenue

00:49:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:00

Closing by Sponsor:

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:58 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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